

CHAPTER 180.

[H. B. 112.]

VETERANS—RELIEF.

AN ACT relating to veterans and providing for certain organizations to assist in their relief, amending sections 1 to 6 inclusive, chapter 117, Laws of 1888 as last amended by sections 1 to 6 inclusive, chapter 144, Laws of 1945 (secs. 10737 to 10741 incl., and 10757, Rem. Rev. Stat.; secs. 932-29, -33, -35, -37, -39, and -41, PPC) and section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1909 as last amended by section 8, chapter 144, Laws of 1945 (sec. 10743, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-31, PPC).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 117, Laws of 1888 as last amended by section 1, chapter 144, Laws of 1945 (sec. 10737, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-29, PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Services specified.

Section 1. For the relief of indigent and suffering Union soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Civil War, in the war of Mexico or in any of the Indian wars in the United States, the Spanish-American war and Philippine insurrection, soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps between April 6, 1917, and the date upon which peace is finally concluded with the German government and its allies, or soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in any other foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which service shall be governed by the issuance of a campaign badge by the government of the United States of America, or for any members of the armed forces of the United States in the existing war between the United States and Japan and her allies, or the existing war between the United States and Germany and her allies, and their families or the families of those deceased, who need assistance in any city, town or precinct in this state, the Board of Commissioners of

the county in which said city, town or precinct is situated shall provide such sum or sums of money as may be necessary, to be drawn upon by the commander and quartermaster, or commander and adjutant of any post, camp or chapter of any national organization of veterans now, or which may hereafter be, chartered by an act of Congress in said city or town upon recommendation of the relief committee of said post, camp or chapter: *Provided*, Said soldier, sailor or marine, or the families of those deceased are and have been residents of the state for at least twelve months, and the orders of said commander and quartermaster, or commander and adjutant shall be the proper voucher for the expenditure of said sum or sums of money.

Board of County Commissioners shall provide funds for relief.

Local veterans' organization.

Residence qualification.

SEC. 2. Section 2, chapter 117, Laws of 1888 as last amended by section 2, chapter 144, Laws of 1945 (sec. 10738, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-33, PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. If there be no post, camp or chapter of any national organization of veterans now, or which may hereafter be, chartered by an act of Congress, in any precinct in which it should be granted, the County Commissioners of the county in which such precinct is, may accept and pay the orders drawn, as hereinbefore provided by the commander and quartermaster, or commander and adjutant, of any post, camp or chapter of any national organization of veterans now, or which may hereafter be, chartered by an act of Congress, located in the nearest city or town, upon the recommendation of a relief committee who shall be residents of the said precinct in which the relief may be furnished.

Nearest veterans' organization.

SEC. 3. Section 3, chapter 117, Laws of 1888 as last amended by section 3, chapter 144, Laws of 1945 (sec. 10739, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-35, PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Filing of notice of intention to undertake relief.

Section 3. Upon the passage of this act the commander of any post, camp or chapter of any national organization of veterans now, or which may hereafter be, chartered by an act of Congress which shall undertake the relief of indigent veterans and their families, as hereinbefore provided, before the acts of said commander and quartermaster, or commander and adjutant may become operative in any city or precinct, shall file with the County Auditor of such county, notice that said post, camp or chapter intends to undertake such relief as is provided by this act. Such notice shall contain the names of the relief committee of said post, camp or chapter in such city or precinct, and the commander of said post, camp or chapter shall annually thereafter during the month of October file a similar notice with said Auditor, and also a detailed statement of the amount of relief furnished during the preceding year, with the names of all persons to whom such relief shall have been furnished, together with a brief statement in each case from the relief committee upon whose recommendations the orders were drawn.

Contents of notice.

Annual filing.

SEC. 4. Section 4, chapter 117, Laws of 1888 as last amended by section 4, chapter 144, Laws of 1945 (sec. 10740, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-37, PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Bond may be required.

Section 4. The County Commissioners may require of the commander and quartermaster, or commander and adjutant, of any post, camp or chapter of any national organization of veterans now, or which may hereafter be, chartered by an act of Congress undertaking to distribute relief under this act a bond with sufficient and satisfactory sureties for the faithful and honest discharge of their duties under this act.

SEC. 5. Section 5, chapter 117, Laws of 1888 as last amended by section 5, chapter 144, Laws of 1945

(sec. 10741, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-39, PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5. County Commissioners are hereby prohibited from sending indigent Union, Spanish-American war soldiers, sailors and marines, soldiers, sailors and marines who have served the United States in the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps between April 6, 1917, and the date upon which peace is finally concluded with the German Government and its allies, or soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in any other foreign war, insurrection or expedition, which service shall be governed by the issuance of a campaign badge by the government of the United States of America, or any members of the armed forces of the United States in the existing war between the United States and Germany and her allies or the existing war between the United States and Japan and her allies (or their families or the families of the deceased), of the classes of persons mentioned in section 1, to any almshouse (or orphan asylum) without the concurrence and consent of the commander and relief committee of the post, camp or chapter of any national organization of veterans now, or which may hereafter be, chartered by an act of Congress as provided in sections 1 and 2. Indigent veterans shall, whenever practicable, be provided for and relieved at their homes in such city, town or precinct in which they shall have a residence, in the manner provided in sections 1 and 2 of this act. Indigent or disabled veterans of the classes specified in section 1, who are not insane and have no families or friends with whom they may be domiciled, may be sent to any soldier's home.

County Commissioners prohibited from sending to almshouse.

SEC. 6. Section 6, chapter 117, Laws of 1888 as last amended by section 6, chapter 144, Laws of 1945

(sec. 10757, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-41, PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Interment
at county
expense.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Board of County Commissioners in each of the counties in this state to designate some proper authority other than the one designated by law for the care of paupers and the custody of criminals who shall cause to be interred at the expense of the county the body of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who served in the Army or the Navy of the United States of America during the late Civil War or in the war with Mexico or in any of the Indian wars that occurred in the State of Washington, or the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection, soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps between April 6, 1917, and the date upon which peace is finally concluded with the German Government and its allies, or soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in any other foreign war, insurrection or expedition which service shall be governed by the issuance of a campaign badge by the government of the United States of America, or any member of the armed forces of the United States in the existing war between the United States and Germany and her allies or the existing war between the United States and Japan and her allies, and the wives, husbands, widows or widowers of such soldiers, sailors or marines, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses; and when requested so to do by the commanding officer of any post, camp or chapter of any national organization of veterans now, or which may hereafter be, chartered by an act of Congress or the relief committee of any such posts, camps or chapters: *Provided, however,* That such interment shall not cost more than one hundred eighty dollars. If the deceased has relatives or friends who desire to conduct the burial of such

Expense
limitation.

deceased person, then upon request of said commander or relief committee a sum not to exceed one hundred eighty dollars shall be paid to said relatives or friends by the County Treasurer, upon due proof of the death and burial of any person provided for by this section and proof of expenses incurred.

Payment to relatives.

SEC. 7. Section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1909 as last amended by section 8, chapter 144, Laws of 1945 (sec. 10743, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-31, PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 8. Any post, camp or chapter of any national organization of veterans now, or which may hereafter be, chartered by an act of Congress which has qualified to accept relief from the Indigent Soldiers' Relief Fund of any county may draw upon said county fund for the payment of the rent of its regular meeting place: *Provided*, That no post, camp or chapter shall be allowed to draw on such fund for this purpose to exceed the sum of one hundred eighty dollars in any one year, or in any amount for hall rental where said post, camp or chapter is furnished quarters by the state or by any municipality.

Payment of organization office rent by county.

Limitation.

Before such claims are ordered paid by the County Commissioners, the commander of such posts, camps or chapters shall file a proper claim each month with the County Auditor for such rental.

Claim to be filed for rental.

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Passed the Senate March 7, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1947.